



We are so grateful for your membership support. We hope you will continue to stand with Amnesty in the coming year.

Dear Amnesty Member,

You are a human rights defender—and never has there been a more urgent time to be committed to this cause.

Children kept in cages along the U.S.-Mexico border ... governments across the globe violently attack peaceful protesters ... a journalist is killed by agents of the Saudi Arabian government ... security forces in Myanmar systematically kill or expel the minority Rohingya people ... and Northern Syria—where many Syrian families sought refuge during the conflict—is now under siege, with civilians subjected to indiscriminate attacks.

In country after country, the basic tenets of human rights are breaking down—demanding that we do whatever we can to stand up for freedom and justice!

That is why I am writing today to let you know that it is time to renew your Amnesty International membership.

Enclosed you will find your new 2020 Amnesty International membership card. I hope you carry it as a symbol of your commitment to human rights. And, please, while you have my letter in your hands, I urge you to send back your renewal contribution of \$15, \$25—or even \$30 if you possibly can.

It is times like this I am grateful and inspired by the determination and dedication of Amnesty International members like you. Your annual support is vital to our work and right now our global grassroots activism, in-depth research and fierce advocacy has become all the more essential because, in too many parts of this world, human rights are under attack.

Here in the US, our own government has dangerously contributed to this crisis. President Donald Trump routinely excuses murder, sides with dictators and authoritarian regimes, foments reprisals against journalists, and promotes violence against refugees, migrants, and people of color.

In the face of so much hatred, it can feel as if the world is spiraling into greater and greater injustice. Together, we must shine the light of hope and stand with those whose human rights are being denied.

Better than anyone, you understand that a threat to anyone's fundamental human rights is a threat to everyone's. **You understand that protecting human rights is at the heart of what it means to be human and together, with your membership support, we will:**

- **Cast a global spotlight on state-sponsored human-rights abuses.** Whether we're calling out the governments of Myanmar or Syria, Honduras or Saudi Arabia, Amnesty shines a light on human rights violations perpetrated by the world's brutal regimes—exposing and holding them accountable for their crimes and, in the process, challenging the global power dynamic that sidelines human rights.
- **Advocate for urgently needed protections for the world's refugees and asylum-seekers.** Refugees are easy prey for human smugglers who exploit their desperation. Thousands are dying at sea as they

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set out in desperate search of safety. Many refugees, merely trying to survive, are the targets of bigotry and violence. Together, we will demand that the world's wealthiest countries protect the lives and rights of those who have risked everything to escape violence and persecution. Instead of abdicating its responsibility, the U.S. must share responsibilities in protecting refugees' rights.

- **Fight for prisoners of conscience.** Imagine being imprisoned solely for who you are or what you believe. That is the fate for far too many people around the world and, every day, Amnesty activists are bringing pressure to bear on those who have denied them their freedom. Our annual Write for Rights initiative delivers nearly six million calls for action on behalf of prisoners of conscience around the world. Last, Amnesty's work on prisoners of conscience helped free hundreds of people who were unjustly imprisoned.

This work is just a fraction of what you sustain as an Amnesty member. Your dedication and commitment also helps us safeguard journalists, oppose the death penalty, protect women and girls from rape and other forms of violence, and combat the still-entrenched forces of bigotry, xenophobia, and hatred.

And, as one of our most committed members, you understand the critical importance of being the world's conscience—holding governments everywhere (including our own) to basic standards of decency and justice and keeping those governments accountable whenever they fall short.

For that reason, I hope we can count on you to renew your 2020 Amnesty membership with a generous contribution today.

The truth is that no other organization is a more powerful or far-reaching force for human rights than Amnesty International. But we can only be as effective as the people who commit their passion and resources to us. People like you.

Sincerely,



Margaret Huang
Executive Director

P.S. With so many people around the world relying on Amnesty International's help, your commitment to human rights is more important than ever. So, please renew your Amnesty membership for 2020 today!